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The combined score of anchor items and the standard form provides a score that can be compared between students, schools, districts and states---thus an accountability score.

Because item clusters limit the number of standards that can be addressed per item set, it is important to increase the range of content coverage through matrix sampling. Overall content/standards attainment (improvement) year to year can be achieved by looking at large (state) population data. This information can be used in curriculum, instruction and professional development decisions on an annual basis.